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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

5 1 (currently amended): A backlight unit for changing lamps therein conveniently, the backlight unit comprising:

at least an optical sheet and a diffusion plate fixed to a backside of a display panel, the optical sheet and the diffusion plate forming an upper module with the display panel, wherein the optical sheet comprises at least a diffuser sheet and a prism sheet;

10 a top frame for accommodating and fixing the upper module;

a bottom frame positioned below the upper module and fixed to the top frame;

a plurality of lamps positioned within the bottom frame; and

a plurality of fixing elements positioned on the top frame and the bottom frame for detachable connection of the bottom frame to the top frame;

15 wherein the backlight unit is capable of changing the lamps within the bottom frame after removal of the upper module above the bottom frame.

2 (cancelled)

20 3 (original): The backlight unit of claim 1 wherein the bottom frame comprises a reflecting sheet surrounding the lamps.

4 (original): The backlight unit of claim 1 further comprising a plurality of buffer sheets positioned on portions of surfaces contacting with the lamps.

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5 (cancelled).

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6 (previously presented): The backlight unit of claim 1 wherein the top frame comprises a plurality of fixing elements for fixing the optical sheet and the diffusion plate to the backside of the display panel.

5 7 (cancelled).

8 (previously presented): The backlight unit of claim 1 wherein the fixing elements comprise screws.

10 9 (original): The backlight unit of claim 1 wherein the lamps comprise cold cathode fluorescent lamps.

10 (original): The backlight unit of claim 1 wherein the lamps comprise external electrode fluorescent lamps.

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11 (original): The backlight unit of claim 10 wherein a conductive clip is positioned at an external electrode of the external electrode fluorescent lamps to simplify procedures of changing the lamps.

20 12 (new): A backlight unit for changing lamps therein conveniently, the backlight unit comprising:

at least an optical sheet and a diffusion plate fixed to a backside of a display panel, the optical sheet and the diffusion plate forming an upper module with the display panel;

25 a top frame for accommodating and fixing the upper module;

a bottom frame positioned below the upper module and fixed to the top frame;

a plurality of lamps positioned within the bottom frame;

a plurality of buffer sheets positioned on portions of surfaces contacting with the

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lamps; and

a plurality of fixing elements positioned on the top frame and the bottom frame for detachable connection of the bottom frame to the top frame;

5 wherein the backlight unit is capable of changing the lamps within the bottom frame after removal of the upper module above the bottom frame.

13 (new): The backlight unit of claim 12 wherein the optical sheet comprises at least a diffuser sheet and a prism sheet.

10 14 (new): The backlight unit of claim 12 wherein the bottom frame comprises a reflecting sheet surrounding the lamps.

15 (new): The backlight unit of claim 12 wherein the top frame comprises a plurality of fixing elements for fixing the optical sheet and the diffusion plate to the backside of 15 the display panel.

16 (new): The backlight unit of claim 12 wherein the fixing elements comprise screws.

17 (new): The backlight unit of claim 12 wherein the lamps comprise cold cathode 20 fluorescent lamps.

18 (new): The backlight unit of claim 12 wherein the lamps comprise external electrode fluorescent lamps.

25 19 (new): The backlight unit of claim 18 wherein a conductive clip is positioned at an external electrode of the external electrode fluorescent lamps to simplify procedures of changing the lamps..

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20 (new): A backlight unit for changing lamps therein conveniently, the backlight unit comprising:

at least an optical sheet and a diffusion plate fixed to a backside of a display panel, the optical sheet and the diffusion plate forming an upper module with the display panel;

5 a top frame for accommodating and fixing the upper module, wherein the top frame comprises a plurality of first fixing elements for fixing the optical sheet and the diffusion plate to the backside of the display panel;

a bottom frame positioned below the upper module and fixed to the top frame;

10 a plurality of lamps positioned within the bottom frame; and

a plurality of second fixing elements positioned on the top frame and the bottom frame for detachable connection of the bottom frame to the top frame;

wherein the backlight unit is capable of changing the lamps within the bottom frame after removal of the upper module above the bottom frame.

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21 (new): A backlight unit for changing lamps therein conveniently, the backlight unit comprising:

at least an optical sheet and a diffusion plate fixed to a backside of a display panel, the optical sheet and the diffusion plate forming an upper module with the display panel;

20 a top frame for accommodating and fixing the upper module;

a bottom frame positioned below the upper module and fixed to the top frame;

a plurality of lamps positioned within the bottom frame; and

25 a plurality of screws positioned on the top frame and the bottom frame for detachable connection of the bottom frame to the top frame;

wherein the backlight unit is capable of changing the lamps within the bottom frame after removal of the upper module above the bottom frame.

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22 (new): A **backlight unit** for changing lamps therein conveniently, the **backlight unit** comprising:

at least an optical sheet and a diffusion plate fixed to a backside of a display panel, the optical sheet and the diffusion plate forming an upper module with the display

5 panel;

a top frame for accommodating and fixing the upper module;

a bottom frame positioned below the upper module and fixed to the top frame;

a plurality of external electrode fluorescent lamps positioned within the bottom frame, wherein a conductive clip is positioned at an external electrode of the external 10 electrode fluorescent lamps to simplify procedures of changing the lamps; and

10 a plurality of fixing elements positioned on the top frame and the bottom frame for detachable connection of the bottom frame to the top frame;

wherein the **backlight unit** is capable of changing the lamps within the bottom frame after removal of the upper module above the bottom frame.

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